

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of newly presented claims and all previously presented claims remaining of record, as presently amended, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-37 as originally and previously presented are under consideration in the application. By this amendment, claims 8-11, 19 and 27-30 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 38-45 are added.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that previously presented claims 8-11 and 27-30 would be allowable over the prior art of record if rewritten in an independent form including limitations of base and intervening claims. Accordingly, by this amendment, applicants have canceled claims 8 and 27 and amended independent base claims 1 and 20 to respectively incorporate the patentable features of dependent claims 8 and 27. Likewise, dependent claims 9-11 and 28-30 are also canceled and the patentable features recited therein are respectively recited in newly added independent claims 40-45 which include the features of the respective base and intervening claims. In addition, new claims 38 and 39 are added which are dependent on claim1 and incorporate the novel and patentable features set forth in claim1 as amended. The amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter has been added. If the Examiner should disagree, however, it is respectfully requested that the challenged limitation be pointed out with particularity in the next Action so support may be cited in response.

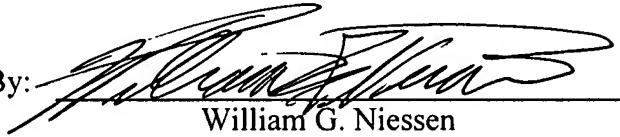
In view of the Applicants' forgoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this

application are respectfully solicited. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' representatives at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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